

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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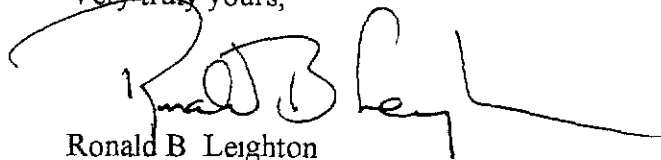
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Re *Thomas, et al vs City of Tacoma, et al*
U S District Court No C01-5138 (RJB)RBL

Dear Counsel

The Court has received a request from the City of Tacoma to grant permission to City of Tacoma police officers to carry their weapons into the United States District Courthouse when appearing for the above-referenced matter. The Court has reviewed the reasons cited for the request, as well as those reasons given as justification for the General Order, which generally prohibits law enforcement officers from carrying weapons into the United States Courthouse. The Court believes strongly that in this case the prohibition contained in the General Order should be observed and those police officers who will appear in this matter are directed to check in their weapons with the U S Marshal prior to entering the courthouse facilities.

Very truly yours,



Ronald B Leighton
United States District Court Judge

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